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In March 1978, I authorized an increase in the Security Committee Staff from a previous level of three to a present active level of ten. This has allowed me to better communicate to the Community and provide staff support to work on areas of high security concern to me. Two principal areas which are being addressed as a result have been the problem of unauthorized disclosures and raising security consciousness. We have been attempting to pursue unauthorized disclosures more aggressively to stem the seeming tide of leaks which have beset us. One of our more serious problems in the past has been the reluctance of the Department of Justice to initiate investigations of specific cases unless we are willing to proceed with prosecution. Since further sources and methods losses could ensue from such prosecutions, we often have been reluctant to give such assurances. Most recently, at the instigation of the Chief of the SECOM Unauthorized Disclosures Working Group, the problem has been addressed to the Attorney General to gain agreement to investigate a leak case on behalf of the Department of Defense without a prior agreement on prosecution. We shall continue to attempt to make inroads in

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the area as we believe it is essential in combatting continued unauthorized disclosures. Our Security Awareness Working Group is currently developing an indoctrination program for senior executive personnel of the government to promote better understanding of the need for security in the open society. I might also note that I have directed that a new, simpler approach be taken on compartmentation of sensitive intelligence information. I believe that implementation of a new, uniform system will create better understanding of the needs and methods for protecting critical intelligence and that this will generally raise security consciousness throughout the Community.